



INTERNATIONAL FOOTPRINT ASSOCIATION
ERNIE HARRIS RIDGECREST CHAPTER 60



We meet the 2nd
Wednesday of every
month at 6:00 PM at:

The Knights of Colum-
bus Hall
725 W. Ridgecrest Blvd.
Ridgecrest, California

Dinner Cost: \$10.00

Board of Directors meets
the last Wednesday of
every month 6:00 PM at:

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Members are encouraged to
attend.

Desert Footprints

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**IMPORTANT
MESSAGE FOR
MEMBERS
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Easter

- Officers**
- President**
Paul Hape
 - Vice President**
April Halpin
 - Secretary**
Nicki Johnson
 - Treasurer**
Nicki Johnson
 - Counsel**
Ken Pritchard
 - Sergeant at Arms**
Ed McIntire
 - Grand Director**
Perry Patterson
 - Directors**
Vince Avalos
Tom Dilley
Diane Guignet
Diane Grattaroti

\$10.00 Reward Somewhere hidden within this newsletter is a membership number. If its your number, bring your copy of the newsletter to the dinner meeting and the \$10.00 is yours. If no one claims the reward \$5.00 will be added every month until claimed. Our venerable president, Paul Hape, would have been last month's winner if he would have remembered to look.

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Purpose

The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year.
- Mark Twain

To foster good fellowship, mutual respect, and helpfulness between Peace Officers, Federal Law Enforcement agencies, Business and Professionals and all persons having a sympathetic attitude and understanding toward Law Enforcement and Law Enforcement Agencies and to promote the true spirit of Americanism.

President's Corner

I have been receiving information on the upcoming Respect for Law Dinner and the annual display of respect for our community's law enforcement officers. This was evident as I was reading our local newspaper on Sunday morning.



We have a proclamation from the city for a week of respect for law and all of our local officers. Are we sending a false message to our citizens telling them that we only respect our officers for only one week a year? I know better and truly feel that the door never closes on any law enforcement and emergency services agency within our community or surrounding area.

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The endless hours protecting our community, 24 hours a day 7 days a week does not go unnoticed. Our citizens realize that all of us are protected by some of the best trained, well respected professionals that can equal any community anywhere in the nation. I am proud of their service every day. I respect all they do to protect me, my family and members of our community.

This is amplified when I read the papers and view the evening news. Our community is well protected, and has good citizens that have respect for law that is not limited to one week annually. We respect all of our law enforcement and emergency services personnel every day, all year long. The sacrifice they endure to provide us the protection we have grown accustomed to receiving is real. They work long hours, testify in court on those days that they normally have off or are requested to cover a shift for someone who is not available.

Thank goodness for all they do, every day.

Yours for Bigger and Better Footprints,

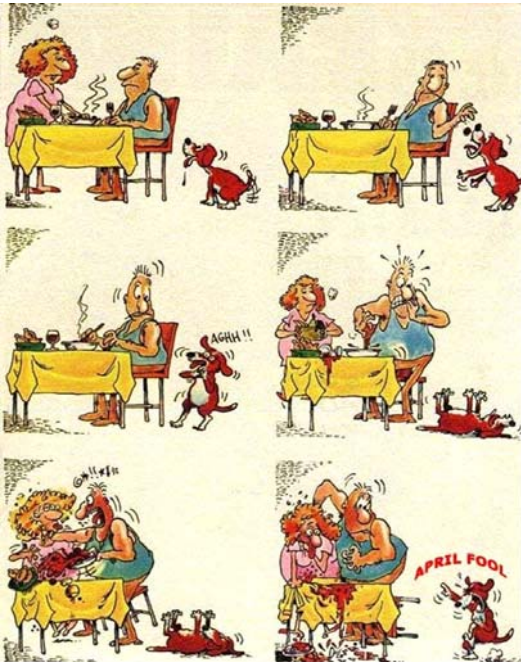
Paul

IMPORTANT

The next dinner meeting on April 8th is an important one. This is our annual nomination of Officers and Board members. We desperately need someone as the Grand Director for the 2009 - 2010 FY.

Also we need to discuss the possibility of our district being split into 2 or 3 separate districts. We need to provide input to the Grand Chapter.

Please plan on attending the next meeting. We need everyone's support



Sgt.-at-Arms, Ed McIntire, presents the \$17 50/50 drawing 66576 to winner Sean Halpin. Sean donated \$10 of it to our scholarship fund.



President, Paul Hape, reminds everyone that the Respect For Law Dinner and Awards will be on March 27th.



Members and guests enjoy a fabulous Chicken Fried Steak dinner prepared by Chef Skip.



Past President, David St.-Amand gave a short presentation on short and long-term emergency preparedness.



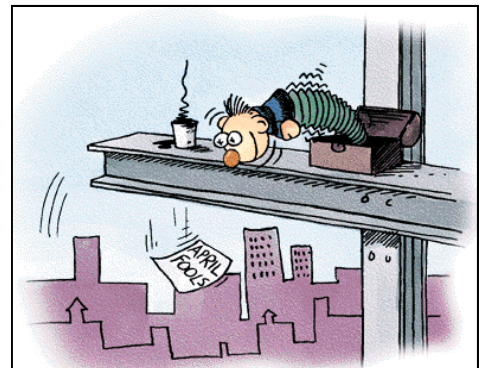
Sean and April Halpin enjoy food and conversation with Chef Skip Bennett.



Ray and Dee Suter, guests of Brian Vink.

Foolish Beginnings

Some believe that April Fool Pranks originated back in the day of the Druids where priests were trying to ward off evil spirits during the planting season however, April Fools Day, sometimes called All Fools Day, is the day of unknown origin. Yet, Internationally, it is celebrated and is known as the day set aside for good hearted pranks, jokes, hoaxes, and giggles.



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April 2009

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- April 1** - April Fool's Day
- April 5** - Palm Sunday
- April 8** - Dinner meeting
- April 9** - Passover begins
- April 10** - Good Friday
- April 12** - Easter
- April 29** - Board meeting

May 2009

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- May 5** - Cinco de Mayo
- May 13** - Dinner meeting
- May 10** - Mother's Day
- May 16** - Armed Forces Day
- May 25** - Memorial Day
- May 27** - Board meeting



**We're on the web
www.IFA60.org**

Dinner - April 8, 2009

Steak, baked potatoes, fixing's, & salad